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SEA, WAVES, HEAVEN AND EARTH ROAR

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh..

- Luke 21:25-28

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

- Matthew 24:6-8

If these are just the “beginning of sorrows,” it might be hard to imagine what the world will be like when the “sorrows” hit.

Honestly, I believe we’ve passed the beginning of the Tribulation period, and mankind and the earth are heading into a very, very tumultuous time of sorrows.

In January, the devastating Haitian earthquake stirred quite a few people from their slumber, and not too long after, we see an earthquake in Chile of a greater magnitude - 8.8. An 8.8, according to Paul Caruso of the USGS has 500 times greater impact than a 7.0.

The tsunami warnings that followed this Chilean earthquake of February 27 were canceled soon after, once the waves that hit Hawaii were much less than anticipated. Aftershocks, however, 5.0 or greater, continue to hit Chile. The largest aftershock reported, as of the time of this writing, was 6.9.

We didn’t hear much about the 7.0 earthquake off the coast of Okinawa, Japan on February 26, especially after the quake in Chile. If no deaths are reported, it is not necessarily considered a major newsworthy quake, regardless of the magnitude. This earthquake off the coast of Japan took place beneath the sea, as many today are occurring. These are the ones that often trigger tsunami warnings, if not a tsunami.

Southern Haiti is right now having flooding due to heavy recent rains. Mudslides from heavy rains are an everyday occurrence somewhere on the globe now (most recently noted, California and Portugal), and snow has battered the entire United States with a vengeance this season. This is all coincidence?

As Jesus stated, and we read in Luke 21, the sea and the waves are roaring, and men’s hearts are failing them for fear as they look around to see what may happen next. An earthquake or tsunami can happen at any time in areas considered to be susceptible, but also, in areas that are not considered to be so threatened. Just last month, Chicago had a 4.0 earthquake. These are very rare in that area.

Earthquakes are happening more often and are becoming increasingly more potent as time goes on, and areas that do not generally see them are seeing them more. Oklahoma just reported a 4.4 magnitude earthquake on February 27.

As Jesus’ words spoken 2,000 years ago become evident before our eyes, how are we to approach these current days and the days to come? It bears repeating every time *The Sackcloth Times* is printed: “And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” (Luke 21:28)

The true child of God is not appointed to wrath, and we can be sure He is in control of all things, even when the world appears out of control. Our job is to stay close to Him and pray for the repentance of those who have not yet come into His Kingdom.

There are even many Christians that still do not see that the chaotic happenings around the globe are a

result of the sin of man. Let's not be those of God's people who perish for lack of knowledge. We all need to be awake or be left behind.

Let's look at it this way - God pre-wired consequences of sin into the world. He also responds to our obedience or sin based on individual events, but God's nature never changes. Unless man repents, we see destruction around us in many forms - personally, nationally, globally. Sin is to be punished, either by fire, flood, earthquake, or by whatever means God has chosen.

I wrote in *The Jeremiah Connection*, "...the American consensus is that we are not sinning at all, and the consensus in the Church appears sadly to be the same. Without admitting to sin, there will be no repentance. Without repentance, judgment will not be withheld. This is cause and effect."

I also write, "For every decision we make, as a nation, as a church, as *the Church*, or as an individual, there is a reaction from God that is a natural consequence pre-wired according to that decision. There are spiritual laws written into the universe by God that allow for blessings based on obedience, and curses or judgment based on disobedience."

The Word tells us that the Day of the Lord is so great that no other time can be compared with it. This is the culmination of the consequences of mankind's sin for all time. Again, I believe, as mentioned, we are in the great time of sorrows at the moment.

1Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

2A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

- Joel 2:1,2

For what other reason would such calamity befall man but his sin? If man were truly good, as so many like to believe - for example, everyone is good, but it just depends on your definition of "good" - what would God's purpose be in allowing the world to be thrown into chaos? To think He just wants it this way for any reason He chooses is to misinterpret His character. God is good - and God alone. When man fails to live up to the image He created us in, man is chastened, and then if found unrepentant, eventually judged by the One who is good.

The heavens are speaking loudly, and even the earth is tossing its inhabitants to and fro. These natural disasters and calamities are not just random or meant

to be little eye openers here and there. The whole world is shaking. The whole world stands before the judgement of God at this time in history as never before.

As individuals who can make a choice to repent and be right with God, not based on our own ideas of what "right" is, but based on His character and His way of measure, and what is truly right, what shall we choose?

BIG BROTHER OBAMA AND SISTER NAZI PELOSI ARE BACK

With the election of Republican Scott Brown to the senate in Massachusetts, the health care debate sort of cooled down for a while. Brown vowed if elected he would vote against jamming a Socialist health care bill down the throats of the American people. Liberals in Congress were quiet for a rare couple of weeks while they refilled their hot air tanks trying to figure out what to do about health care in light of this blow.

At first, after the election of Scott Brown, Speaker Nancy Pelosi stated she felt they wouldn't have the votes to pass a health care bill. Now, she is back and more full of poison than ever, and standing right by the side of Big Brother Obama.

The two of them just made the statement after their so-called bipartisan meeting during the last week of February, in not so many words, that they would get health "care" through whether the people wanted it or not, and whether they had the votes or not. Under the guise of often-touted "caring" for the American people, they have decided to bypass opposition from the Republican party and *anyone else* in America and do what *they* have decided is right for America.

Fox News online reported, "House Speaker Nancy Pelosi urged her colleagues to back a major overhaul of U.S. health care even if it threatens their political careers, a call to arms that underscores the issue's massive role in this election year."

In other words, regardless that the people are going to vote them out in November if they pass this, they should still cozy up to their plan. There is no good will toward the American people in this. The only thing at stake in this bill is their governmental control of the people. Obama and Pelosi are so determined to have complete control of the people, they are shuddering at the thought of not having it.

The words of Ronald Reagan have never been truer: "Government is not the solution to our problem. Government *is* the problem." And let's not forget: "It isn't that liberals are ignorant. It's just that they know so much that isn't so."

Obama, Pelosi and those in their camp are living in a dream world - one that puts them in the seat of all-powerful dictators. In this, they have much in common

with Satan. And anyone who reads the Bible knows what inevitably happens to Satan in the end.

The health “care” bill is not about the health of the people. It is about control of the people and increased power of government. If Big Brother can get yet more information about U.S. citizens on some beast-like computer system, it will be that much more in control of them and that much more in a position to abuse yet more power until the will of every American lines up with the will of the Beast system of government.

These Gestapo-wannabes will not have the hearts, minds or bodies (under the guise of health “care”) of the Christian people. God’s people may have to dwell here for a little while longer, but we will not be subject to any earthly dictatorship. The only Authority we answer to is the Almighty in heaven.

For now, we can voice our opinions, have “tea parties,” etc. But if all the efforts from voices of reason against this dictatorial “health” policy fail, we must understand it is in God’s hands at that point. We can be in prayer, but may just have to look on and let them do what they feel they must. The Bible tells us we will see a worldwide dictatorship very soon. The things happening in our own government should not be surprising to us.

Everything comes about bit by bit. As the national health “care” system is based on the Massachusetts model, so will every national government eventually have to converge and bring its newly ushered-in dictatorial policies into the Beast system foretold in scripture. We are inches away from the Beast system.

Just on one more note of reason, if I may... Massachusetts is currently the only state that has socialized health care. They are also the state that unequivocally voted their conscience in getting rid of the stain the late Ted Kennedy left on the state and voting overwhelmingly against Socialism a few months back. If socialized health care is not working in Massachusetts, and in fact has led in great part to the bankruptcy of the state, what makes Big Brother Obama and Sister Nazi Pelosi think they are going to do a better job running it on a *national* scale with funds from a dried up, *already* bankrupt government choking as it is squeezed for more dollars that simply do not exist?

Here is the good news for those who belong to Jesus Christ. If the Son has made you free, you are free indeed - and it doesn’t matter what any oppressive government try to throw your way.

WARNING to THE “APOSTLES” by Andrew Strom

(Note: The following was received as part of Revival School’s email newsletters which included permission to reprint. Andrew Strom runs the website

www.revivalschool.com and preaches around the world calling others to repentance.)

An Open Letter to Peter Wagner, Dutch Sheets & Other “Apostles”:

I recently received a report of a new “Apostolic Network” headed up by Dutch Sheets which held a gathering in Florida last week to “carve up” territories for its “apostles,” etc. I need to put in writing what I believe the Lord would say to these men.

But first I need to remind us all of something. On June 23rd, 2008, a group of “apostles and prophets” under Peter Wagner’s headship stood on a stage in Lakeland at the Todd Bentley revival - to lay on hands and commission him, etc. But it was far more than that. Peter Wagner called it an “apostolic alignment.” He made the following statement before all the TV cameras and all the people:

“I take the apostolic authority that God has given me and I decree to Todd Bentley:

- Your power will increase.
- Your authority will increase.
- Your favor will increase.
- Your influence will increase.
- Your revelation will increase.

I also decree that:

-A new supernatural strength will flow through this ministry.

-A new life force will penetrate this move of God...”

Onlookers might have thought that Wagner was “prophesying” the above statements. But actually what he felt he was doing was “decreeing” these things over Todd - since he was the “head apostle.” In a letter the following day, Wagner called this a “groundbreaking event” and stated that, “We are now in a place in what I see as the Second Apostolic Age...” (In other words, a “new era” of real apostles).

So how did that work out for you, Peter? Well, literally within weeks we found out that many of the “miracles” at Lakeland had no foundation, and then Todd Bentley’s wife separated from him apparently over an affair he was having - and the entire “revival” fell to pieces in the worst way possible. That’s how it worked out.

All the big Charismatic leaders that had stood on that stage hardly knew what to do with themselves - they were so embarrassed. And none more so than Peter Wagner - after making an “Apostolic decree” like that - probably the most colossal disaster of his life.

So who pulled the rug out from under your “apostolic alignment,” Peter? I need to tell you that there are two responsible parties. One is yourself - clearly. And the second is GOD - because He is now

pitted against you and your so-called “apostles.” He is the one who did this to you.

You and your friends have presumed to an office and a place over the Body that is simply not yours, and God is in the process of taking you “apostles” down - and all your “networks” with you.

Dutch Sheets - can I ask you please, what gives you the right to carve up the Body of Christ in North America and parcel it out like McDonald’s franchises to all your buddies so they can be “apostles” over their own “territory”? Do you have any idea what you are playing with? Don’t you know that if your buddies are not real New Testament Apostles then all they are doing is painting huge targets on themselves and begging for the judgment of God? How dare you treat the Body of Christ like a piece of real estate that you can carve up for your own aggrandizement?

Because of men like you, God is about to judge the leadership of the Church. Do they call themselves an “apostle”? Well, God is going to put them to the test. If they are not the real thing, they make themselves His “enemy” because they are blocking His real Reformation. Every self-proclaimed “apostle” and “prophet” is about to be put to the test. Oh, you call your group an “Apostolic Council of Elders” or something similar? Expect God to come calling, and if you are not the real thing, expect Him to take you down. The Lord God is coming to take back His Church with great violence. And you guys are standing directly in His way.

I’ve heard that one of these big “apostles” in Canada once told his network that their “apostle-ness” would be judged by the “noses and nickels” that they represented. (In other words, their “numbers” and their reaping of money). Hmmm. If I didn’t know better, I would call those the words of a hireling and a wolf.

As Lee Grady wrote about this “Apostle-Mania”: “In some circles apostles demanded total allegiance from the leaders who were “under” them. Some required a policy of “tithing up,” creating a monstrous organizational structure similar to a spiritual Amway. So-called apostles with huge “downlines” made exorbitant amounts of money. One leader even offered pastors the opportunity to become “spiritual sons” by contributing \$1,000 a month to his ministry.”

And yet here is what the TRUE apostle Paul wrote: “I think that God has set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death... we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place... we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things...” (1 Cor 4:9-13).

Now THAT is true apostleship. Tell me, Mr. Modern Apostle, do you match up to the New Testament apostles? If not, what on earth do you think

God is going to do to you if you claim that title falsely?

I believe that many true Apostles, when they do arise, will simply REFUSE to carry such titles in any way. They will “minimize” themselves, not exalt themselves. That is the heart of a true leader of God.

In closing, let me again warn those who have titled themselves “apostle” or ‘prophet’ in the modern Church. God is coming to “clean house” and if you are not the real deal, expect Him to start with you. It is as simple as that. You need to repent urgently of your utter presumption. You have been warned.

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God bless you all,
Andrew Strom

ANGELS

The recent fascination that so many in Christian churches have with angels now comes from the demonic realm and we need to be wary of it. Many well-meaning Christians claim to have seen their personal angels, and often they appear nothing like the angels described in scripture. Furthermore, many believe they see female angels. Todd Bentley (not that I would refer to him as “well-meaning” at all), for example, duped millions into believing in his personal angel “Emma” that was a deceiving spirit.

As Pastor Jackson Morro pointed out in a recent teaching, all angels of God have a male presence. The only occasion we hear of angels having a female presence in scripture is in Zechariah 5 where what look like two female angels appear, but they are really deceiving spirits and referred to as “wickedness.”

Search the scriptures and do the research yourself and you will see this is true. When you hear of anyone talking about seeing angels or having angel “guides,” be alert, especially if they appear to them as female angels. Be bold enough to explain that there are no female angels and what they see are deceiving spirits. Always test the spirits. And God forbid, never give any kind of worship to an angel.

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